

2021 Interim Study Items

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee

2021 Interim Study Item List:

- **Branding inspections:** Study the Branding Inspection Program, the recent Legislative audit, and make recommendations on any legislative action (if necessary).
- **Formation of monuments and parks process:** The statutory process to designate a state monument does not account for individual legislators who want to establish a state monument. Current statute requires the process to begin with the Division of Parks or the county in which the monument would reside. Current statutes do not include a defined process to create/authorize state parks.
- **Land conservation entities:** Study the different land conservation programs throughout the state. Is there any overlap between the programs or are there grant opportunities that are being missed?
- **Wildlife code review and possible recodification:** Begin a multi-year review of the current wildlife code and make recommendations on language clean-up and possible restructuring or recodification.
- **Trespassing Code:** Penalties and posting requirements of trespassing code.
- **Climate Change:** Impact on natural resources from the environmental executive order regarding climate change crisis.
- **Water user fees.**

Sunset Review Items:

Provision Scheduled to Repeal	Repeal Date	Code Reference
Section 4-20-103, State Grazing Advisory Board	July 1, 2022	Section 63I-1-204
Related to the Trip Reduction Program:		
▪ Section 19-2a-104, Air Quality and Trip Reduction	July 1, 2022	Section 63I-1-219
▪ Subsection 63J-1-602.2(6), Trip Reduction Program		Section 63I-1-263
Subsections 63J-4-808(1)(a) and (3), related to the Federal Land Application Advisory Committee	July 1, 2022	Section 63I-1-263

Legislative Water Development Issues:

- **Utah Lake Authority.**
- **Extraterritorial jurisdiction:** This went to the executive water task force last interim for study and a report is expected this interim.
- **State Engineer - public interest analysis:** Study the state engineer process to change water rights (UCA 73-3a-108 and SB126, 2015). Statute requires the State Engineer to consider the public welfare when approving an application; however, “public welfare” is not defined. Does the “public welfare” need to be defined and, if so, is this a statutory change or administrative rules?
- **Water user fees.**